

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Eighth Regular Meeting of 2013-2014
March 7, 2014**

Humanities Division

N. Boyle, L. Burnett, M. Caswell, R. Izard, W. Johnston, T. O’Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, C. Ross, E. Turgeon
(regrets: H Webkamigad; on leave: A. Bondar, R. Rutherfordale)

Social Sciences

G. Broad, R. Cameron, J. Clarke, K. DeLuca, C. Denomme, M. Graydon, S. Gruner, D. Jackson, K. Kadiyala,
P. Matthews, N. Shaw, A. Vaillancourt
(regrets: H. Allen, N. Cruickshank; on leave: D. Galotta)

Sciences

P. Antunes, D. Brodbeck, N. Cameron, P. Dupuis, J. Foote, M. Garcia-Ruiz, I. Imre (Speaker), E. James, I. Molina,
W. Osei, C. Reed-Elder, B. Schamp, S. Xu, C. Zhang
(regrets: Y. Feng)

Other Members

L. Connor, K. Hernden, S. Kitts, M. Lajoie, R. Linklater, B. MacKinnon, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. Myers,
B. Peltsch, A. Perlini, J. Reid, D. Schantz, N. Stratton, L. Wurdemann
(absent: E. Benton-Benai)

Guests

G. Mahar, M. Rossetto, S. Straka, D. Woodman

14.03.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Brodbeck/Lajoie): that the agenda for the March 2014 meeting of Senate be approved.

Hernden asked whether an oral report from the Ad-Hoc Bylaw Committee could be added to information items/reports of committees.

Motion carried.

14.03.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of February 7, 2014

Moved (Brodbeck/Lajoie): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of February 7, 2014.

Motion carried.

14.03.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

None.

14.03.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

14.03.04.01 APPCOM – Status Report Academic Plan (2010 – 2015)

Moved (Perlini/Schamp): that Senate approve the Status Report Academic Plan 2010 – 2015 as submitted.

Motion carried.

14.03.04.02 Academic Planning and Priorities – list of principles

Schantz informed Senate that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, as part of its preparations for the development of the new Academic Plan, has updated the principles listed in the current plan to be used in the development of the new five-year plan.

14.03.04.03 Curriculum Committee – course additions

Moved (Perlini /Schamp): that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the 2014/2015 spring/summer and fall/winter course roster.

ADMN 1016, ADMN 1126

ECON 1006

COSC 1046

MATH 1101

UNFP 1101/1102

CESD 1006, 3907

ECON 3016/3017

MATH 2056

MUSC/ANIS 2067

SWRK2106

There was some discussion whether it was appropriate to offer COSC 1046 this spring.

Perlini stated that it was possible for the department to revisit and suggest a course substitution to the Registrar.

Motion carried.

14.03.04.04 Research Ethics Board

Moved (Foote/Shaw): that Senate approve the revisions to the Research Ethics Policy as submitted.

Dupuis commented that he would like more time to review the lengthy document before making a decision to approve the revised policy as submitted.

Moved (Dupuis/Reed-Elder): that Senate table the motion to approve the revisions to the REB policy.

Motion carried.

14.03.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)
14.03.05.01 Academic Planning and Priorities

APPCOM submitted a written report.

14.03.05.02 Research Ethics Board (A6)

REB submitted a written report.

14.03.05.03 Ad Hoc Committee to Review Senate Bylaws Report

The Ad Hoc Committee to review Senate Bylaws has met six times since January 1, 2014. The immediate issues facing Senate with regard to compliance with the charter and bylaws concerns eligibility of Senators to stand for election/re-election and the size of the Senate. The committee will be meeting with the Senate Executive shortly to discuss these issues and possible recommendations to bring forward in a notice of motion(s) at the April 2014 Senate meeting for a vote at the May 2014 Senate meeting. The committee is mindful of the need to retain the 2-1 Teaching staff to non-Teaching staff ratio; make the Senate composition manageable going forward; clear up charter/bylaw terminology discrepancies; and to ensure proper procedures, record keeping and transparency.

14.03.06 STANDING REPORTS
14.03.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Johnston submitted a written report.

14.03.06.02 Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

Ridout asked if a report could be provided to Senate for members to see how students in the foundation program and transition courses were performing.

Osei commented that the committee is currently undergoing research/data to assess the program.

14.03.06.03 VPAR

The VPAR submitted a written report.

14.03.06.04 President

The President submitted a written report.

14.03.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

There was discussion at Senate regarding the St. Thomas extension and project success.

Graydon asked for the number of St. Thomas students transferring to Algoma this fall and whether there is a certain number of students where the program can be described as not viable.

Schantz stated that he doesn't have actual numbers but that we are actively looking at the direction of what works with students, as well as costs, etc.

Myers stated that the objective of St. Thomas is to attract more students to the main campus to programs that are currently undersubscribed.

Denomme commented that the program was to be evaluated after two years and asked whether the university had a target number when program was put together. She also asked for the number of applications for the next cycle.

Perlini answered the original motion to approve the St. Thomas initiative included a provision to evaluate the extension program.

Marasco provided the following data regarding fall applications:

18 new applications to date; 9 offered admission and 9 waiting to be determined (waiting on documents, transcripts, grades, etc). He added that an update on the St. Thomas extension program will be provided to Senate for the next meeting.

14.03.08 OTHER BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS

Broad informed Senate of the Presentation on Social Enterprises to take place on April 2, 2014 @ 180 Projects, 180 Gore Street from 1:30-3:30, to be presented by students enrolled in CESD2106 (14W).

Broad informed Senate of the NORDIK morning/evening presentations scheduled on March 26, 2014 at the Grand Gardens.

Denomme informed Senate of the Eighth Annual Business Case Competition to take place April 3/4, 2014.

Pinhero informed Senate of thesis presentations/exhibitions to take place on April 10, 2014.

14.03.09 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Brodbeck/Lajoie): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:01pm)